

The Afterlife:

- Eschatological beliefs
- Judgement
- Resurrection
- Traditional beliefs about Heaven and Hell
- Contemporary beliefs about Heaven and Hell

Key Sources of Authority:

- John 11: 25-26
- John 14: 2-7
- Matthew 25: 31-46
- Luke 16: 19-31
- 1 Corinthians 15: 42-55

Key Terms:

Heaven	In the presence of God in the afterlife	Hell	Place of punishment and suffering
Afterlife	Religious beliefs about human life after death	Soul	The spiritual part of a person made in the image of God
Purgatory	Catholic belief in a place where souls are prepared for heaven	Spiritual	Connected to the spirit or soul of a person
Physical Resurrection	Physical resurrection on the Day of Judgement	Parousia	The second coming of Jesus to the earth and Judgement Day

Key Beliefs:

Eschatological beliefs	Eschatological beliefs mean ' beliefs about the last things '; for Christians this involves ideas about the afterlife , including death, judgement, Heaven, Hell and the Parousia , or the return of Jesus to the earth.
Judgement	Christians believe all humans have a soul which is immortal and at death the soul may go to Heaven or Hell in the afterlife .
Resurrection	Christians believe the soul of a person is able to be with God in Heaven after death because the soul is believed to be made in the image of God and the spiritual part of a person; and that there will be a physical resurrection . Christians believe death was defeated by the Resurrection of Jesus .
Heaven	Some Christians believe there is a physical Heaven and others it is a spiritual dimension . Catholic also believe in purgatory.
Hell	Some Christians believe there is a physical Hell and others it is a spiritual dimension . It is a place of punishment and suffering.

Key Connections:

Prayer *Liturgical worship* *Informal and individual worship*
Lord's Prayer *Sacraments* *Nature of God* *Salvation* *Sin* *Grace*

Exam Practice:

- Explain why Christians believe Heaven is important. (8)
- 'Christian beliefs about hell are out of date.' Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view (you must refer to religion and belief in your answer). (15)